

sion of Godda district and Sono division of district Munger in Bihar;

(b) whether gold reserves have also been discovered in Sono division; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for their exploitation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV):** (a) Occurrences of coal in Goda district and lead and mica in Munger district in Bihar have been reported. Reserves of such minerals in these areas have not been estimated.

(b) Government of Bihar have carried out exporation for gold in Sono division. The results are inconclusive.

(c) The question of exploitation of the above minerals would arise only when any economically viable deposit of those minerals is established.

[English]

#### **Registration of Neem Products**

**4623. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: .

(a) whether the Central Insecticide Bureau (CIB) has granted registration to the neem products;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the progress made by the Subcommittee appointed for formulating the guidelines for neem and other botanical pesticides;

(d) whether any project for the development of safer pesticide from plants were

proposed to the Department of Science and Technology; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, deals with the registration of insecticides and not the Central Insecticides Bureau (CIB). Applications for registration of Neem products based on the modified guidelines circulated to the Pesticide Industry on 11th December, 1991, are yet to be received

(c) Registration Committee had appointed a Working Group (not Sub-Committee) during September, 1990 to formulate guidelines for Neem and other botanical pesticides. The report of the Working Group was considered by the said Committee at its meeting on 25th July, 1991 and the approved guidelines were circulated to the Associations of the Pesticide Industry. Representations received for simplification of said guidelines from the Industry were modified in consultation with the prospective manufacturers of neem-based insecticides. These guidelines were approved by the Committee on 18th November, 1991 and circulated to the Associations of the Pesticide Industry.

(d) and (e). No, Sir.

#### **Ongoing Irrigation Projects in Tamil Nadu**

**4624. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY:** Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the on-going major and medium irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu; and